

Town of Badger

Minutes of the regular public meeting of the Badger Town Council held
Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Members present:	Mayor:	Dennis Butt
	Deputy Mayor:	Michelle Noseworthy
	Councillors:	Nicholas Blackwood Natasha Beaton Ann Marie Young
Councillor Elect:		Jazmin Eddy Jessica George
Also, Present:	Superintendent of Works:	Scott Luscombe
	Town Clerk/ Manager:	Pansy Hurley

The Meeting was called to order and chaired by Mayor Butt at 6:30pm

Oath of Office:

Mayor Butt welcomed the new Council members that were elected during a By-Election held October 26, 2021.

The Oath of Office was administered as follows:

Jazmin Eddy
Jessica George

Congratulations exchanged.

Discussion:

1. Fire Chief Loder was unable to attend tonight's meeting.
2. Mayor Butt welcomed Mr Scott Luscombe, Superintendent of Works to the meeting. Mr Luscombe gave his report.
 - The leaks have been repaired on the water tank. An inspection is required on the water tank. Check will be made about the inspection and the cost.
 - Scott advised that the asphalt road has been completed for this year. He said they used approximately 15 ton of asphalt. Good job done on the patching.
 - The equipment is ready for Winter.

Discussion continued:

- Everything is ready for the bonfire tomorrow night. Scott advised that he made two new fire pits as well.
- Discussion on Remembrance Day Service and what to do if weather conditions are not good.
- Discussion on the area at the base of School Hill and the garbage that people are leaving in the area. It was decided that a gate will be put across the road to block access. The area on the back will be blocked as well to keep people out of the area. Scott said they are cleaning that area up every second day.

There being no further discussion Mr Luscombe left the meeting at 6:45pm

Adoption of Minutes:

1. Mayor Butt asked if there were any errors or omissions to the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held on October 12, 2021 which were circulated with the agenda for tonight's meeting.

Motion #060-2021 A. Young/N. Beaton

Resolved that the minutes of the regular public meeting of Council held October 12, 2021 be adopted as circulated.

Vote:

In Favor 7: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy;

J. George; N. Blackwood; B. Beaton; A. Young.

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Business Arising:

1. Mayor Butt and Deputy Mayor Noseworthy attended the MNL convention in Corner Brook this past weekend. Due to COVID there were a lot of restrictions. Some of the topics were very informative.
2. The \$10,000 from Marathon Gold is in the process but not received to date.
3. Councillor Young said that she was advised that a fireman was at the Firemen's Ball but he was not fully vaccinated and he used his father's NLVaxPass to go to the event. The Fire Department was advised that everyone attending must be fully vaccinated including members of the Fire Department. General discussion held.

Correspondence:

1. Each councillor received a copy of a letter from Hon. Krista Howell, Minister of Municipal and Provincial Affairs congratulating council members following the municipal elections.
2. Circular and Reminder from the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure regarding the 2022-2023 Municipal Infrastructure Cost-Shared Funding Program with the deadline of November 19, 2021. General discussion held.
3. Municipal Assessment Agency News Release. Also, the Ballot to vote for the Central Regional Director for MAA. There are three (3) candidates Valerie Whelan of Pelley's Island; Tony Keats of Dover and Holly Dwyer of Grand Falls-Windsor. General discussion. Council decided to vote for Tony Keats of Dover.
4. A call was received from the Central Regional Office of the Dept of Municipal and Provincial Affairs regarding our application for funding for the Sunset Drive Project. They require that we amend the earlier motion to change the \$34,853.62 to \$15,803.24. Discussion held.

Correspondence continued:

4. Discussion continued.

Motion #061-2021 N. Blackwood/N. Beaton

Resolved that Motion #042-2021 be amended to read as follows:
Be it resolved that the Town of Badger apply to the Department of Municipal and Provincial Affairs under the ICIP (Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program) for the funding for the replacement of a section of sanitary sewer and waterline on Sunset Drive. Total cost of the Project is \$174,268.19 with \$15,803.24 being the Municipal Contribution.

Vote:

In Favor 7: **Dennis Butt, Mayor**
 Michelle Noseworthy, Deputy Mayor
 Jazmin Eddy, Councillor
 Jessica George, Councillor
 Nicholas Blackwood, Councillor
 Natasha Beaton, Councillor
 Ann Marie Young, Councillor

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Finances:

1. The Town Clerk/Manager presented the accounts payable journal dated November 9, 2021 in the amount of \$20,951.37 For distribution as presented. Discussion on the invoice for work completed on the Fire Department rescue van totaling \$4,934.04. This amount was more than was expected. General discussion continued.

Finances continued:

Motion #062-2021 N. Blackwood/J. Eddy

Resolved that Council approve the accounts payable journal dated November 9, 2021 in the amount of \$20,951.37 for disbursement as presented.

Votes:

**In Favor 7: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy, J. Eddy, J. George
N. Blackwood; N. Beaton, A. Young.**

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Reimburse Petty Cash. Discussion held.

Motion #063-2021 M. Noseworthy/A. Young

Resolved that Petty Cash be reimbursed by \$88.00 (General office expense).

Vote:

**In Favor 7: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy, J. George,
N. Blackwood, N. Beaton, A. Young.**

Opposed 0;

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Other Business:

1. Discussion on funding to replace the shingles on the Town Centre Building, replace the front door and install heat pumps in the Community Centre. It was agreed that it is too cold now to install shingles. It was agreed to wait until Spring for 2022 to complete the work. Check will be made to ensure the funding will still be in place for then.

2. Discussion on the Christmas events. It was agreed that the Lighting of the Town Christmas Tree will be on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 7:00pm. Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 10:00am. The Santa Claus

Other Business continued:

Parade will be held on Saturday, December 4, 2021 at 7:00pm. Judging of the Light Up for Christmas Contest will be held Monday, December 20, 2021. Councillor Beaton will get judges for the Light Up Contest and the Santa Claus Parade.

Discussion was held on what could be done for the seniors. The Community Centre cannot accommodate the number of seniors given COVID-19 restrictions. Town Clerk/Manager suggested have something at the Stadium maybe serve soup, and sandwiches. People coming would be dressed for coming to the Stadium. Could put up some decorations and have Christmas music.

Discussion on heaters to warm the area. It was suggested to see if we could get the gym at Avoca to have a dinner. We would have to see what the seating capacity would be. We use to seat 235 in the Community Centre in the past with special permission from the Fire Commissioner's Office. General discussion continued no decision reached.3. Our MHA, Chris Tibbs has requested a meeting with Council. It is scheduled for Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at 6:30pm

4. General Discussion on Remembrance Day Service being held on Thursday, November 11, 2021. Ms Verley Roberts will lead the Service.

5. A complaint was received about the tractor trailers parking on the side of the TCH in front of Robin's Restaurant. This has been an issue in the past. That is a provincial government road.

6. Ian Moore of Newfoundland Power was wondering if they could leave the generator on site until the middle of December because they have more work to do and if the generator is not here the Town will be without power for 4 to 6 hours around the middle of December. All present agreed to leave the generator on site.

7. We have received an invoice from P & B Trucking in the amount of \$1,641.32 for work done at #24 Badger Drive. The problem there was caused by P & B Trucking when they installed the fire hydrant there. Our engineer and our maintenance employees as well as their loader operator agreed that they caused the damage. Letter will be sent to P & B Trucking advising that we are not responsible for this invoice.

8. Discussion on the garbage being left at the bottom of School Hill. Discussion held. It was agreed that this area will be blocked preventing access to the area.

Other Business continued:

9. Mayor Butt had a discussion with Rob Kearley of Exploits Engineering regarding applying for MCW funding. We will be completing the lift station project in the Spring. We have requested funding for the Sunset Drive Project as well. General discussion held. Mayor will follow up with Mr Kearley. The deadline for application is November 26, 2021.

10. Mayor Butt advised that Tim Williams from Marathon Gold had a meeting with mayors in our area. The purpose of the meeting was to inform towns of the setback of their Project due to environmental issue. They wanted to ensure they have towns support in getting their Project moving as quickly as possible.

11. Mayor Butt said that he visited several suppliers at the MNL Convention including the topics of Assessment Management, grant research and he is waiting on more information from the companies. 12. Discussion on traffic signs and speeding on Buchans Highway.

Councillor Blackwood will contact the department of Transportation and Works regarding the issue.

13. Thank you letter received from the Make-A-Wish Thank-you card from the Howse Family for a our donation made in memory of relative of an employee

Adjournment:

Motion #064-2021 A. Young/N. Beaton

Resolved that there being no further discussion Council will now adjourn to meeting again on Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 6:30pm in Council Chambers.

Vote:

**In Favor 7: D. Butt; M. Noseworthy; J. Eddy; J. George;
N. Blackwood; N. Beaton; A. Young.**

Opposed 0:

Abstained 0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm

Mayor

Town Clerk/Manager